ST. LOUIS ENJOYED GREAT ERA OF PROSPERITY; BRIGHT FUTURE PREDICTED FOR THE NEW YEAR.

City Gained International Reputations Through the World's Fair Which Will Have Everlasting Benefits in Building Up Its Industries and Growth-William Flewellyn Saunders Tells What Is Necessary to Cause Every Enterprise to Thrive-Freight Facilities Must Be Improved and Manufacturing Field Widened.

While St. Louis in the last year enjoyed the greatest period of prosperity, a brightsture is predicted. The city gained inta .ational reputation through the World's Pair, which is conceded to be the best advertisement that could be had.

The interest taken by all business men in the formation of a million club, with the purpose of raising the population to that figure, will undoubtedly carry much weight in increasing the manufacturing inlustries of the city in the year 1905.

All branches of industry and business had a most profitable year. One of the greatest points is the sound financial inefitutions and the low rates of interest. This is conceded to be one of the hest inducements in inviting new concerns to

Morehants are happy, for the trade all through the year was good and an excentlorat holiday trade was had.

Rusiness men and financial men have given their expressions of the future of St. Louis to The Republic, and they are all unanimous in declaring that a wave of prosperity greater than last year will be

BY WM. PLEWELLYN SAUNDERS, Secretary and General Manager of of the Business Men's League of St.

All the manufacturers and wholesale merchants of St. Louis will agree with the statement that the year 1905 will be the best trude year the city has ever seen. This will be of course, in some degree due to the very advantageous commercial adver-Using given to St. Louis by the World's Fair and to the very great extension of trade connections made during the year. While the World's Pair lasted the city

was always full of merchants, who were taken in hand by the business organizations and by the manufacturers and jobbers themselves and not only shown the Fair but taught the advantages of buying to St. Louis. Many business houses maintained at great cost special offices for the entertainment and comfort of visitors and had a most effective system of explaining to them the market resources of St. Louis There is not a house in St. Louis which has not largely increased its list of permanent customers and enlarged its distrib-

BUSINESS WORK OF 1996.

To carry this prosperity on beyond the present year and to cause every business enterprise to thrive, the business organizations are now planning:

The freight facilities must be improved. That is of the first importance. The manufacturing field must be

widened and greater inducements must be offered to manufacturing capital to come The market must be still more enlarged

and the distributing territory increased. Public improvements must be encouraged and the city improved from the standpoint of the homeseeker.

The freight situation I put first because the whole material welfare of the city depends on it. St. Louis will be richer or poorer as that situation is good or bad, nd no dweller here may think it does not oneern him. The failure of the broad dan for terminals advanced last year by he Emsiness Men's League hurt the chiphoped that all the members of the Municipal Assembly will look at it justly and in a putriotic spirit.

THE MANUFACTURING SITUATION. The manufacturing situation in St. Louis good, but it can be made better. St. Louis is now the fourth manufacturing ty of the United States, made so by its location, its cheap coal and the cheapness, plenty and accessibility of raw material. The manufacturer looking about for a location is concerned about fuel, water, raw material, labor, distributing territory and freight rates.

He finds St. Louis better than Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland or Pittsburg as to fuel. labor, raw material and distributing territory, equal as to freight rates, a little worse as to water. St. Louis can improve the water conditions and can strengthen its distribution argument by improving freight facilities.

The capital invested to new manufacturing enterprises in St. Louis during 1963 and 1904 was much more than that invested here during the two years preceding. 1901 and 1902. GOES UP TWO PLACES

One of the most remarkable trade inci dents of the year is the growth of the boot and shee manufacturing in St. Louis. When the census was taken in 1900 the largest boot and shoe manufacturing towns in the United States ranked, first, Brockton; second, Lynn; third, Haverhill; fourth, Cincinnati; fifth, St. Louis,

They new rank, Lynn, first; Haverblit, second; St. Louis, third; Brockton, fourth; Cincinnati, fifth. The St. Louis manu facturers are year by year increasing their manufacturing output and the value of their product, and decreasing their purchases from Boston. Three new factories are two more to be build in 1905. It is not duced. an extravagant prediction to say that by the time the next census is taken St. Louis will certainly be the second boot and shoe Company: manufacturing city in the United States and possibly leap past Larm and be the

The volume of the boot and shee distributing by jobbers for 1904 was about ser occome, which is a very large increase

over the business of ISC. TRADE TERRITORY ENLARGING. in 1904 the railways in the trade territory which belongs to St. Louis by location and through freight rates laid 1,758.39 miles of new construction. This was 41 per cent of the whole amount of railway States. In Missouri alone Zil 50 miles of new track were laid, in Mississippi 228.99 miles, in Arkaness 25.68 naise, in Louisi- be unusually heavy, but the development and 157.01 miles, in Indian Territory 141 miles, in Oklahoma 108 miles, in Texas 212 miles in Colorado 16.32 miles in Arizona 79.66 miles, the track building in the other States and Territories which are supplied by St. Louis merchants being somewhat smaller. This 1.73 miles of new railway track, laid where it is most needed for development of a very rich agricultural and grading country, means of course the founding of new settlements and the rapid and substantial growth of the old ones, all of this growth resulting in a largely increasing demand which is met by the St. Louis jobbers and manufacturers

It is often not fair to make comparison like the one that follows, but there is not another large city in the United States which had during the last year anything like the development of its trade territory that is shown by this statement. This railroad building has bad its effect already during 19th on the trade of St. Louis and will be felt more even in 18%.

Reports from all the lines of manufac turing and tobbing have not been yet com pletely collated, but some the figures have been sent to the Pusiness Men's League and they are fair indexes of all. The furniture trade has increased very

More stoves and ranges by one-fifth were nanufactured in St. Louis than in any ther city in the United States. The manufacturing output and sales of 1994 were 12th per cent more than in 1965. The hardware sales of St. Louis in 1906

ere about \$35,660,000, and the trade territory has been much enlarged. The prosperity of the farmer in the trade

erritory of St. Louis was shown during 1964 here in the large sales of the agricu tural implement houses, which amounted to \$16,000,000, about \$8,000,000 of which was manufactured here. The wholesale dry goods trade in 1934

was about 10 per cent more than that of 1992 the total sales amounting to about \$54,000,000. The jobbing houses all feel that the year of 1995 will show a very large increase over the business of 1964. The business naturally is increasing, and during the World's Pair year those merchants who had been buying elsewhere who came to St. Louis were impressed with its advantages and made connections with cholesale houses which will last.

The wholesale grocery business was a very large proportion of the trade of St. Louis in 1994, one house reporting sales amounting to nearly \$5,000,000. The sales of all the wholesale grocery houses, including all their kindred lines, will amount to \$78,900,000 for the year.

INCREASE IN BUILDING. The amount of building done in a city is always a very good index of conditions. The figures show that the city was not overbuilt through any World's Fair excitement. In 1901 the people spent for house building \$13,207,991.

In 1902 they spent \$12.854.005. In 1903 they spent \$14.544,431. In 1994 they spent \$13,-424,308. It will be seen that the building last year was but a little more than that of 1901, and the contractors believe that unless untoward labor conditions arise, which is not likely, the building of 1905 will be much more than that of last year. PROSPERITY OF FINANCIAL INSTI-TUTIONS

The condition of the banks and trust editor Rallway Age.

heen 25,50,600, about one-fifth of which companies of St. Louis is always a matter was manufactured here.

More stoves and ranges by one-fifth were amining a city's condition. St. Louis, it need not be said, has the reputation of being one of the soundest cities in the United States as to the solidity of its financial institutions. The banking business in St Louis was one of the best in the city. The total deposits of the banks in No-vember 17, 1998, were \$157.258,000. The total deposits November 18, 1984, were \$195,111,-

> This is an increase of \$40,000,000 in bank deposits in one year, and an indication that the whole community has been prosperous during the year.

The profits of the banks and trust companies of St. Louis in 1903 were \$5.500,000

and in 1904 were \$6,691,600. THE RETAIL TRADE.

Undoubtedly the World's Fair had more to do with the prosperity of the retail dry goods business of St. Louis during 1994 than it had to do with any other branch of business, and every house in the city increased its trade by a very large per-

It is believed by all of the retail merchants that the business will be much better in 1966. They give several reasons for this. First, the farmers living in the St. Louis trade territory have received more money for their crops than they ever have before. This will benefit the jobbers and manufacturers and thus the retail trade. Again railroad and hotel accommodations will be better and more strangers will come to the city. The building of houses will benefit the furniture, carpet and household goods trade and the large increase of population will be felt in the same way.

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BUSINESS MEN AND CLERGYMEN ARE HOPEFUL FOR PROSPEROUS YEAR

Antional Banks

"Reviewing the last year's financial history, the item that aftracts our attention most is the great abundance or loanable funds and the low rate of interest. The opinion prevails that never in the history of the city have interest rates been so low during the last half of the year as prevailed this year. The stimulating influence of easy money, coupled with good crops and good prices, is bound to make next year one of the most prosperous in the annals of this country.

"St. Louis is peculiarly well located to resp the benefits, and our financial and business interests are prepared to follow up the advantages offered to the fullest extent. The publicity given to St. Louis by reason of the World's Pair is of in-truths of the gospel are taking their the railways, and if a plan for the same purpose is presented this year it is to be be leading and normanical truths of the good effects will rightful place. In harmony with this is the leading and normanical truths of the good effects will rightful place. In harmony with this is e lasting and permanent

other financial centers. In fact, St. Louis's | Christianity was never more favorable financial institutions are large lenders of Religion, while putting less emphasis of funds in the East and in the territory formerly reached only by New York and Boston."

H. A. Forman, president of the Fourth National Bank: "I believe that 1966 will be more prosperous even than 1904, and certainly we

have nothing to complain of in the last year. Money is plentiful and, while rates are low, there is but little question but that they will improve by spring." Tom Randolph, president of the Commonwealth Trust Company:

"The excellent condition of the trust companies and banks at the close of 1994 is one of the best indications that 1905 will be another era of great prosperity. Early last year many pessimists predicted that with the close of the Fair the financial depression which occurred in Chicago and Buffalo would happen in St. Louis, but, as a matter of fact, the banks and trust companies show more strength now than ever before. Larger dividends are being paid and money is plentiful, in addition to which the commercial and agricultural conditions throughout the Southwest are all that is to be desired."

Joseph Ramney Jr., president of the Wabash Railroad Company:

"I believe that the railroads will make lerger grees earnings in 1906 than in 1904. ben the net earnings will not benefit by this increase to any marked extent, as the cost of operation is gradually increasing and makes enormous inroads into the gross earnings. I do not see how any further wage increase can be granted by the railreads, and it is also difficult to see were built in St. Louis in 1981, and there how the cast of operation can be re-

> A. J. Davidson, President of the St. Louis and San Francisco Rattroad

"The continued prosperity which the territory penetrated by the Prisco enjoyed in 1984 will I believe, exist even to a more marked degree in 198." F. H. Britton, Vice President and

General Manager of the Cotton Helt: From all indications 1866 will be more prosperous than 1904. The development of the Southwest is being pushed with remarkable energy and success, the vast tracts of timber land are being cleared with considerable profit, and the cleared land is valuable, so the settler makes building during the year in the United money clearing his land and has something of more value when it is cleared than before. The cotton movement promises to of the Southwest has reached the point where the lines are not dependent upon the cotton traffic

James Campbell, Broker:

The outlook for 1905 is highly encouraging, the securities represent tangible values, which are constantly increasing and the general field for first-class investment is rapidly broadening."

The Most Reverend John J. Glen-

BCM: "I hope to see St. Louis prosper; that it may be peaceful and in every sense successful; that neighbors may become more neighborly and friends more friendly; that the rich may remain rich and the poor become richer. I expect to see the foundation of the new Cathedral planted deeply and that its walls may rise slowly but in majestic proportions.

The Right Reverend Daniel S. Tutties

"A thoughtful person must acknowledge that Nature wonderfully favors our country to sell and air and mines, in lakes and rivers and forests. A thoughtful believer must confess that God abundantly blesses it not only with these resources, but with men and women who claim and enjoy the priceless sweets of liberty secured by largely, the sales during the year having wholesome reverence for law. Under this

C. H. Huttig, president of the Third | blessing, with steps set square and hearts beating warm for righteousness, there is almost no aim too high of goodness and greatness for us to fix eyes upon. Meanness and selfishness shall slink away Courage and joy and clean-handed jus tice and brotherhood shall flourish."

The Reverend Samuel J. Mccolla: "Nineteen hundred and four has not been a dull, stagnant year. Wars and political struggles of a most significant character have taken place, and they must have an important bearing upon the welfare of humanity and the progress of Thrist's kingdom. One of the marked features of the present is the growing unity of the different branches of the church. Denominational differences are becoming less and less, and the great and essential the manifestation of the spirit of peace "We are comparatively independent of among the nations. The outlook for creeds and church organizations, is more practical. The church can enter the new year without dread and full of hope. So far as the future is concerned we know what God will do. He will be faithful to his promises and to the programme which he has outlined. His word shall not pass away. The only uncertain quantity, the X in the equation of the future when value is to be determined, is man. Will we live up to our opportunities and obli-

George W. Brown, president of the Brown Shoe Company:

"The outlook for 1965 in our line was exceptionally bright for several reasons. The fouth and the West, who obtain practically all of their footwear from our city. have enjoyed successful crops for several years at more than fair prices. Therefore, these entire districts have been brought before the public most forcibly, making Western emigration strong the past couple years. Numerous new enterprises have been launched in this territory, and, with the irrigation projects now under way by the Government, insure even a larger emigration for the future.

"This extra population must also be shod, and with the economical advantages St. Louis has over her competitors, it would indicate busy factories in our line at all times. Of course, I can only speak for the business we are enjoying; for example, the increase in our sales for the year 1914 will be in excess of \$1,250,000; which forced us alone in order to take care of this increase, to establish two new factories the past year, one not yet in operation, which, when both are in full operation, will employ for 1905, 750 to 1,000 more shoemakers than we did in 1904."

BIG GAINS IN FEES FOR RECORDING DEEDS.

The annual report of the Recorder of Deeds for the City of St. Louis for the riscal year just ended shows a gain in reccipis of \$2,534.25 over 1943. The aggregate receipts were \$3,402.95, as compared with

\$35,507.20 in the previous year. The number of deeds recorded in 1964 was 24,373, and 22,994 in 1968, being a gain of 1,379. Releases totaled 7,436 in 1998 and 7.526 in 1904. In ony one line were the number of recorded instruments filed less than in 1933. Chattel mortgages dropped off 1,209, being 34,672 in 1903, and only 33,463 for last year. On the contrary, the releases of chattel mortgages are 349 more than last year. Marriage licenses were granted to 6.76 in 1963, and to 7.779 in 1964.

STRUCK IN SELF-DEFENSE. Coroner's Jury Holds Teamster

for Homicide Without Intent.

The Coroner's jury in the case of Patrick Quinn, who was killed Thursday afternoon as the result of a blow from Charles Siegel's fist, returned a verdict of homicide without felonious intent yesterday. Siegel will be held until Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dalton has passed on the case.
Siegel and Quinn had trouble over the
right of way on Easton avenue near
King's Highway boulevard. Siegel, who is
a teamster, says Quinn was reaching for a
stone to throw at him when he struck him

atone to throw at him when he struck him with his fist.

Riegel is a strong man, claiming that he can strike a 700-pound blow with his left fist, the one he used on Quinn. "I am sure I did not strike haif as hard as I could," said Siegel, "but am sorry that I didn't now, as it would not have knocked Quinn's head upon the curbing as it did and he would not have teen killed.

"I struck him only in nelf-defense as he was reaching for the stone. I did not even think he was unconscious and picked him up to lay him on the sidewalk before driving away. Had I known he was badly hurt I would not have gone."

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and encephalitis, 173; convulators and triemus,
164; apoplexy, 195; cirricotis of liver and hepatiits, 215; enteritis, gastro-enteritis, peritonitis
and gastritis, 362; Pright's disease and nephriis, 565; cyanosis, 25; mantition, 361; sentility,
25; surgical operations, 46; sutcide, 227; homiide, 162; socident, 577. Bester Laidley Resigns.

NEW MILLION-DOLLAR INSTITUTION WILL BE READY FOR BUSINESS SOON

Lincoln Trust and Title Company, Just Organized, Will Establish Offices in Lincoln Trust Building, Which It Now Owns-A. A. B. Woerheide to Be Presi-

WILL NOT BE A COMPETITOR.

The Lincoln Trust and Title Company. with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, has been organized. Within a few days it will file articles of incorporation and establish neadquarters in the offices formerly occusled by the Lincoln Trust Company, in the Lincoln Trust building at Seventh and Chestnut streets. Subscriptions have been received for a large part of the stock. which has a par value of \$100, but \$25 additional is to be paid for each share sold. A. A. B. Woerhelde, vice president of the Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company, will Garrell, formerly manager of the Lincoln Trust Company, will be manager of the Title Department; O. J. McCawiey, manager of the Real Estate and Loan Do partment of the Lincoln Trust Company, will be manager of this department in the

Vault Department. The Lincoln Trust and Title Company has been formed with the idea of confining its functions to the examination of titles, conducting a real estate loan department, by which easy payments can be made on property, and receiving securities for storage in its safe deposit vaults.

onnected with the Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company, it in no sense will be a com petitor, as its business will not include the eceiving of deposits or the administra ion of estates.

The organization of the company has een practically completed by the purchase from the Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company of the Lincoln Trust building, the Missour Trust Company's title plant, at No. 804 Chestnut street, which will be removed to the offices to be occupied by the new company, and the debenture bond business and the safety deposit vaults formerly belonging to the Lincoln Trust Company Following is a statement of the resource and liabilities of the new concern;

Lircoln Trust building \$ 700,000
Misswir! Trust's title plant 12,000
Loans on real estate 1,390,000
Loans on real estate
Surplus 275.099
Liabilities:
Liabilities: Capital stock (not all issued)
In benture bonds issued to investors Lawren
Bonds is used on building 300,000
SECURES VALUABLE PROPERTY.
The Board of Directors will consist of:
Edward H. Coffin, C. Marquard Foster,
Jesse French, Doctor Pinckney French,



A. A. B. WOERHEIDE,

To be elected president of the new Lincoln Trust and Title Company. A. R. Woerhelde and Eugene S. Baker of Keokuk, Ia. new concern, and George P. Potee will

By the consolidation of the Lincoln and fissouri trust companies the real estate estallment department owned by the Lin coln Trust Company became the joint property of the Missouri Trust Company as well as the safety vaults in the former ces of the Lincoln Trust and the loan on the real estate. It is stated that the compters of the new concern purchased the title, plant and other interest mentioned from the Missouri Trust Company for \$200,000.

A. A. B. Woerheide, who is to become president of the new company, will coninue to devote his attention to the affairs of the Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company, leaving the management of the Lincoln Trust and Title Company to the officers named. As soon as the articles of incor poration have been filed, an election will be held, at which other officers will be se-

The Lincoln Trust building, which b one of the assets of the new concern, is regarded as one of the most valuable pleces of property in the city, five of its floors being occupied by the Wabash Railroad Company, three and one-half by the American Car and Foundry Company, leaving only three and one-half floors for Architects are now at work preparing

plans for rearrangement of the officer formerly occupied by the Lincoln Trust Company, in order that they may accommodate the new tenants.

The Board of Directors will consist of:
Edward H. Coffin, C. Marquard Foster,
Jesse French, Doctor Pinckney French,
Julius C. Garrell, Appolonio P. Ghio, John
W. Harrison, Ferdinand Herold, Jonathan
Lane, George H. W. Luehrmann, J. H.
August Meyer, John C. Roberts, Adrian
C. Rule, August Schlafly, Thomas H.
Wagner, Jewett Wagoner, Thomas Wright.

Indicate the new tenants.

As a further evidence of the entire harmony which exists between the officials of Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company and the Lincoln Trust and Title Company, at the annual election of the Missouri-Lincoln Trust board will be added to the Beard of Directors of the Missouri-Lincoln Trust Company, namely, Henjamin Eiseman, E. S. Baker and Thomas H. Wagner.

BOARD AGREES TO COMPROMISE

Francis That They Will Pay Part of Service Claims.

In his formal letter notifying President Francis that the members of the Government board do not consider that body liable for the bills rendered by the Fair on account of electricity, gas and water con sumed in the maintenance of the Government building. Chairman Hills has stated an exception to the board's disclaimer. In his letter to President Francis, which was accompanied by the papers containing the agreements of the Fair to furnish free service, Mr. Hills states that the board is unable to find any agreement on the part of the Expesition Company to furnish these commodities free of cost before April 39 or after December 1. The board, therefore, asserts its willingness to pay any proper charges for services of this character during those periods, and the Exposition Company is asked to render itemized charges for such services. The board also offers to pay for the electricity, water and gas furnished the agricultural exhibit under its direction, which included the live-stock exhibit of

While the Government Board thus ad

This is an increase of 398 Over 1903 -Hirths Reported During 1904 Were 11,926.

The mortilary records show that 11,534 deaths occurred in St. Louis last year, of Manager Declares She Will Be in which 1.277 were children. During the preceding year 11,135 deaths occurred, During 1906 11,926 births were reported at the Health Department, as against 11,831

Among the causes of death last year

the preceding year.

Among the causes

Were:
Smallper, 40; measies, 24; searintina, 60; diphtheria, 128; membranous croup, 21; whosping
cough, 42; typhold fever, 224; cerebro-spinal
fever, 18; remittant, intermittent, typho-malarial, concestive and simple continued fevers,
66; puerparial fever, 62; diarrhocal diseases, under a vars, 123; diarrhocal diseases, other ages,
66; erystrelas, 62; pyaemia and septicaemia, 50;
alcoholism, 36; camer and malignant tumor, 369;
phthists and tuberculosis pulmon, 1,367; marasmus, tubes mussenterion and scrutina, 369; hydrocephaius tubercular meningitis, 185; rheumatisms, 60; bounchitis, 36; preumonia, 1,369;
other diseases of the respiratory organs, 118; disother diseases of the respiratory organs, 118; dis-

The resignation of Doctor L. H. Laid ley, Medical Director of the Exposition. has been submitted, to take effect imme-diately. Doctor Laidley has been in charge of the medical division of the Exposition since the first work was started on the actual construction of the Fair.

CAPT. HOWZE GOES TO WEST POINT

Appointed by President as Commandant at Military Academy.

nited States Cavalry has been appointed by President Roosevelt Commandant of Cadets at the Military Academy at West Point, according to a special dispatch to The Republic from Washington. He will succeed Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. Treat of the Artillery Corps, who has served several years. Captain Howze is well known in army nd social circles in St. Louis, having been on detail here with the Jefferson Guards at the World's Fair. He was Assistant

lleved about a month ago to return to his post at Fort Keogh, Mont. He is there at Captain Howze, while Commandant a West Point, will enjoy the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The appointment is in ecognition of excellent service. Among the officers who have been stationed at the World's Fair, Captain Howze bore one of

Commandant of the Guards, and was re-

existence of these agreements, the board consistence of these agreements, the board holds that it cannot properly be called upon to pay the bills for this service, aggregating \$12,000 in round numbers, which have been submitted by the Exposition Company.

MORTUARY RECORDS SHOW

11,534 DEATHS LAST YEAR.

Lazon.

One march which he made through the strange wilderness of that country stands high in the records. His men pushed on until their shoes were worn from their their shoes were worn from their their shoes were worn from their shoes were found their shoes were worn from their company.

MORTUARY RECORDS SHOW

11,534 DEATHS LAST YEAR.

Lieutenant Gelmore from an insurgent prison. Lieutenant General Miles directed an investigation of charges that Lieutenant Colonel Howse had killed two Filipinos by use of the "Water Cure." The officer was exponerated and later he served with was exonerated and later he served with the Porto Rican regiment. His appoint-ment as Commandant of Cadets is gener-ally approved in army circles.

MELBA STARTS FOR ST. LOUIS.

Good Voice for Opening Concert.

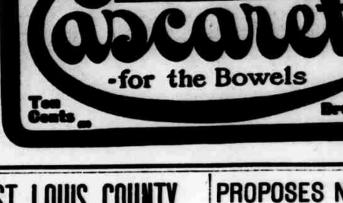
New York, Dec. 31.-Mme Meiba left with her company to-night over the New York Central at 11:30 for St. Louis. Melbe is traveling in her private car, "Riva." She will arrive in St. Louis early Monday morning.

Although Mme. Meiba was billed to appear at the Metropolitan Opera-house this afternoon, she did not put in an appearance, preferring not to tax her strength until she has begun her Western tour, which opens in St. Louis on Monday night. day night.

Mr. Charles A. Elils, her manager, said to-night that he had not the slightest doubt but Mme. Melha would be in gool voice for her opening concert Monday evening.

Beecher Dies of His Injuries. Michael Reecher of Past St. Louis after lying unconscious since Christmas Day as with a cue in the hands of Andrew Wiggins, a negro, died yesterday afternoon at
St. Mary's Hospital. Coroner Hertle at
once impanied a jury and Wiggins, who
has been under arrest since the fight, was
held for murder. The men quarreled in
front of a saloon at Seventh and Bough
streets.

Any Incomas W. Hart of St. Joseph and
May Incom the result of being beaten over the head



ST LOUIS COUNTY FOR NIEDRINGHAUS

Indorsed for United States Senate by the Republican Central Committee.

Efforts of Andrew Benecke and August Buesse to Defeat Resolution Without Avail-Bartholdt Turned Down.

Thomas K. Niedringhaus was indorsed for United States Senator by the Republican Central Committee of St. Louis County, after a stormy meeting in Chayton yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was distinctly anti-Kerens Andrew Benecke and August Buesse were determined to commit the committee to the candidacy of Congressman Bartholdt and fought the resolution favoring Niedringhaus. Benecke is an appointed o Bartholdt's.

Senator A. E. I. Gardner made an earnest talk for the indersement of Niedringham, declaring that the battle was one between corruption and clean politics. He declared that he was the servant of the ommittee and would be guided by its dictates to a large extent. Neither Representatives Hoeber nor Os senfort were invited to appear and both

were somewhat surprised last night at the committee's action. They declared that it was in nowise obligatory on them. Ossenfort is said to be a Parker man while Hoeber is noncommittal as to his The resolution asks that the Republican aucus be an open one in accordance with the Roosevelt policy. It also states that

the nominee should be one who had led

the party to victory rather than defeat.

whose political methods are beyond a

taint of suspicion and who was not a fac-

tional disturber. The county Representatives were requested to vote for Niedringhaus. A copy of the resolutions will be resented to all of them. Bartholdt's sentiments in his letter to

Akins on the candidacy of Niedringhaus

An amendment declaring for Bartholdt on the second choice was smothered. Last night the members of the commite gave a banquet at the Hotel Auten rieth. About seventy-five guests attended. Judge G. A. Wurdeman was tonstmaster Five-minute responses to toasts were made by R. L. Johnston, Fred Essen, Senator A. E. L. Gardner, Judge John W. McElbinney, Judge A. J. Shores, J. C. Kiskadden, Joseph C. McAtee, Judge Thomas Captain Robert L. Howze of the Sixth F. Ackerman, S. X. Weldner and Fred

LICENSE COLLECTOR REPORTS \$1,310,392 IN 1904.

This Collection is a Gain Over the Preceding Year of \$58,217.

The following comparative report of licenses collected during the calendar years 1904 and 1962 was submitted to Mayor Wells yesterday by License Collector P. J. Clif-

Contract to			
Caracter State Control (Control Control Contro	1904.		1962
Merchants		8	
Manufacturers	4.4.800.37		429,869,51
Vehicles	74, 392, 50		72,444 23
Bicycles	2.265.00		2,446.00
Ings	20, 2065, 30		20,164,18
Banks	4, 41117, 941		in later (F)
Real estate	7,518,70		7, 200,00
Peddlers and hawkers	27, 424, 50		35,100,60
Insurance	18,580,00		19, 300, 60
Restaurants	17, 825, 60		13,513,25
Photographers	2.803.75		25.5.00
Merchandise brokers	8, 425, 00		3 .www. cd
Commission merchants .	18, 965, 50		18,913.00
Hotels	6,723.00		2,669,80
Pawnbrokers	11,400.00		8,600,60
Junk wagons	2,350,00		2,791.01
Portune tellers	6,975.06		5,700.60
Mercantile agents	1,700.00		2.200,00
Auctioneers	6.612 Ger		6,134,60
Railroad ticket brokers.	2.750 (0)		1, 475, 64
Junk sliops	2.7 40 400		2,875,40
City weighers	75.60		75.00
Theaters and exhibitions	4.041.25		250.00
Sales stubles	945.00		423 (4)
Intelligence offices	T. 5500 600		7,900,00
Bond and stock brokers	10,692.25		12.974.75
Bil terds and pool	19,822,60		11.351.50
Hotel runners	9.795 99		\$20.64
Shooting galleries	250 100		265.00
Engravers	289.00		2000, 64
Milk	1.322 50		2,162,56
Garbage Wagons	2544.000		1,040.00
Bill posters	99 (9)		70.00
Fiving horses	790 00		190 0
Lamber measurers	Co des		29.64
Vault cleaners	200,00		300 60
Street care			24 7 (0.0)
Street Cars			F
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Increase for calendar year 1904 over 1903, \$13.-No street-car licenses were collected last year.

DOG TRIES TO TAKE HIS LIFE. Jumps Into Vat of Scalding Wa ter-Shot Ends Suffering.

Theodore Gedders, proprietor of a dairy at No. 244 South Second street, believes that his shepherd dog. "Jim." committed suicide yesterday morning because he was not allowed to follow his master's son, Theodore Godders Jr., on his route in a

The dog had been in the habit of follow-

ing the wagon for some time, but recently he had given Gedders much trouble, and yesterday morning when the driver started away he drove the dog back.

Acting as if broken-hearted, the deg, returning to the stable, jumped into a var of scalding water. Mr. Gedders telephoned for a policeman, who shot the dog to end his suffering.

THOMAS W. HARL IS DEAD. St. Joseph Attorney Expires in California.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL St. Joseph. Mo., Dec. 31.-A telegram received to-night from Los Angeles, Cal. says Thomas W. Harl of St. Joseph died

PROPOSES NEW TIME SYSTEM

They act like Exercise.

John T. Field Would Have for Hours the Same All Over the World.

John T. Field, a St. Louis netary public, has invented a new time system called "synchronal clock time," which makes a universal time, making the same four in all parts of the world at the same time. According to his gratem the day would have twenty-four hours as at present, but there would be no a. m. or p. m., the hours counting from 1 to 24. Instead of saying II o'clock p. m. It would be "21

o'clock.' The same hour, minute and second would occur in all parts of the world at the same time

According to Field, the advantages of the iew system are many. Watches and clocks, under his plan, will be insertled with twenty-four hours instead of twelve. The universal time would be, he says, a

The universal time would be great aid to business. He proposes that the new system shall be started on March 21, when the same crosses the one-hundred and eighth degree, west meridian. At this moment the old system, he saws, should end and the new time begin, the hour being 21 o'clear. The next hour hour being 21 o'clear. The text hour your being 24 o'clear. The next his

SPRINGFIELD CAPITALISTS BUY ST. LOUIS HOLDINGS.

outhwest Netropolis Mas Herge Its Street Car Lines-di, W. Parker to Retire From the Presidency. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 21-A deal has een consummated wherely the control of the stock of the street railways of this city pass into the hands of the Springfield capitalists, and it is probable that the various lines will be merged into one The holdings of G. W. Parker, P. C.

Kerens, S. W. Fordyce and Moses Humey, all of St. Louis, have been purchased by the local capitalists, the consideration being £70,90. As president of the Soringfield Traction As president of the Sortigueir Friedom Company Colonel Parker will probably be succeeded by William E. Sanford, cushies of the Holland Banklus Company. Heretofore the control of the Spring-field Traction Commany has been in St. Louis, where the majority of the di-rectorate resided.

VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Goodrich of Kanma Mr. and Mrs. Poul Partridge of Effingham, -Count Louis Majane, registering from New York, was at the Planters for luncheon. -Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burton of Edwardwille, III., are spending New Year's at the Planton. -J. L. Van Wormer, P. R. Cook, J. F. Black and J. H. McCreeder, all of West Plates, Mo., are at the Plantens. -Guy S. Farvell of Joplin. Ma., is at the

-I. H. Paster of Forsythe, Mo., has a town at the Laulette. -P A Chapa and M Girroga of the West-ern Military Actelent, are spending New Year's. Day at the Laciede -W. G. McCullam of Texarkana, Per, to reg--Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clover of Enid. Ok., are at the St. James. -Julius Edwin Wright of Davenport, Ok.,

Miss Marie Winderle and Miss Nellie High-ter of tinkalossa, Dr., are at the St. James for a few days. -Mr. and Mrs. Georgeth. Meige of Chicago-Mr and Mrs James W. Other and Miss Amy Other of Philadelphia have apartments to the Southern. -Wm. Redmond of Madison, Wis. is at the Southern. -J. C. McBrids of Taylorville, Ill., has a -Thomas Creigh of Omaha was among parterilay's gueste at the Missouri Athletic Cu. -F. J. Campbell of Chicago is at the Missouri Athletic Club.

-C. A. Marshall of Unbutille, Mo. was among those entertained yesterday at the Mis-scart Athletic Club. -John V. Gazzolo of Rechester, N. Y., nas a room at the Missouri Athletic Club. Fred L. Johnson of Chicago is at the Lin-A. R. Jackson of Boston has a foom at the -Harry Platiner of Salisbury, Mo. is regis-tered at the Lindell -W. D. Marfield, Miss Clara Marfield and Miss Margaret Harris: all of Carlinville, Ill., have a suite at the Lindell. -W. D. Crane of Port Smith, Ask, to reg--J. F. Colt and P. D. McConnell of Inde-pendence, Kp., are spending New Year's at the Jeffermon. -C F. Kettering of Dayton, O., is quartered at the Jefferson,

-Gordon Woodruff of Hirraingham, Ala., is at the St. Nicholas -T. N. Chandler of Jefferson City will be at the St. Nicholas for several days. Missourinus in New York.

-Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wilson of Springfield, Ill., are at the St. Nicholas.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, Dec. 31.—Among the arrivals
at the hotels here to-day were the fol-lowing from Missouri; St. Louis-C. M. Mix and Mrs. Mix. P. Tap-part, Hotel Aston, W. C. Fuhrt, T. S. Bloom, Herahl Square, W. E. Remming, Imperial; C. C. Allon, Watderf, J. Harvey, St. Denis, St. Joseph-J. E. Tutner, Continental; D. P. Payre, Navasre, Kansas City-Mrs. E. Gordon, Algonquin,

At Chicago Hotels.

lows:
Auditorium—W. H. Barnes, E. K. Arnold, L. Carlin, Mrs. M. M. Riley,
Briggs—S. N. House, T. H. Hall, Mrs. T.
Hall
Sherman House—H. R. Spencer,
Paimer House—D. H. Davis, J. Ferguson, V.
Hammond, J. C. Hamilin, Mrs. J. C. Han,
In, J. T. Selig,
Kaise-rhof—G. P. Condon, E. M. Thomasson,
Windser-Clifton—G. W. Fisher, L. G. Fowle,
Mrs. J. S. Gray, W. P. Stark,
Brevoort—W. S. Kooh, J. M. White,
Great Northern—W. H. Cocke, T. F. Haule
P. F. Jarvis, W. A. Rodenberg,
Victoria—C. S. Frescott,

America-Brazilian Trading Company-George Koburch, 25 shares (Inclies Futter, 246 Sares, E. I. Robinson, I shares all of \$5, 2018; Eugenio Dahn of Porth Algero, Brasi-

Louis: Engenio Dahn of Porto Algero, Brasilio atares; to de trading husiness with meritaria and recopie of the Republic of Brasiliand other foreign nations, and to build, buy, oan, operate and maintain steamships, docks, warehuses transportation facilities, etc.; capital stock, full paid, 55,999, Syracuse Paper and Pulp Company-Nicholas P. Moses, Syracuse, N. Y. G. Shares; Charles A. Nachant, William F. Gilster, and Stewart P. Walshe of St. Louis, I share each; to massifacture and deal in paper, wall paper, decorative novelties, pulp, etc.; capital stock, full paid, 35,600. Will Not Renew Belcher's License. Excise Commissioner J. M. Seibert ves terday announced that he would not renew the license of the saloon conducted by

George J. Beicher on Sixth street near Chestnut street, which expires nest Tiesday. Charges that the saloon was not conducted properly were preferred. The Excise Commissioner said that he dismissed the case, as the license was so nearly run.

REPUBLIC SPINIAL Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—St. Louis persons registered at hotels here to-day are as fol-lows: